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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 436

Chairperson: Senator Merton L. Dierks
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: January 30, 2001

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 436 is brought at the request of the Department of Agriculture to update provisions of the Nebraska Pesticide Act and to remove requirements for registering bee colonies. The proposed amendments to the Pesticide Act contain a number of clarifications of the Departments duties under the Act, adoption of consistent administrative procedures for disciplining applicators, dealers and other handlers of restricted use pesticides, or pesticide registrants whose activities are regulated by the Act, and clarification of terminology used throughout the Act.

Sections 26 and 27 amend sections 81-2,173 and 81-2,177.01 of the Nebraska Apiary Act. Section 81-2,173 removes a requirement that persons selling 25 or more bee colonies obtain a certificate that the colonies are free of disease and pests. This certification would no longer be mandatory but may be requested. The bill also removes the fees for registering bee colonies. The duty to register colony locations is retained.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Merton L. Dierks